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In re Patent Application of:
Jun-Ichi Kawakami et al.

Application No.: 10/500,999

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Art Unit: 1626

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FUSED
IMIDAZOLE COMPOUND, REFORMATSKY
REAGENT IN STABLE FORM, AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: L. Stockton

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, finally rejecting claims 22-25 and 30, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as described herein. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month from November 21, 2008 to, and including, Monday, December 22, 2008 is included herewith.

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